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7 said introducer sheath containing said self expanding  
8 spring assembly in said compressed state when said spring  
9 assembly is positioned in said longitudinal bore of said  
10 introducer sheath, said self expanding spring assembly  
11 radially expanding said graft to substantially conform said  
12 graft at a particular position on an interior wall of a  
13 lumen after said prosthesis assembly has been positioned in  
14 the lumen and said self expanding spring assembly has been  
15 released from said compressed state,] said transluminal  
16 arrangement comprising:

17 means [positioned in said bore of said graft] for  
18 retaining said prosthesis assembly at the particular  
19 position in the lumen, said prosthesis assembly including  
20 a graft having a longitudinal bore and a self expanding  
21 spring assembly having a compressed state, said means for  
22 retaining being positioned in said bore of said graft, said  
23 introducer sheath containing said self expanding spring  
24 assembly in said compressed state when said spring assembly  
25 is positioned in said introducer sheath, said self  
26 expanding spring assembly radially expanding said graft to  
27 substantially conform said graft at a particular position  
28 on an interior wall of a lumen after said prosthesis  
29 assembly has been positioned in the lumen and said self  
30 expanding spring assembly has been released from said  
31 compressed state; and

32 means for releasing said prosthesis assembly from said  
33 retaining means when positioned at the particular position  
34 in the lumen.

[ Cancel claim 30.

Amend claim 40 as follows:

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40 (Amended) An arrangement for transluminally  
2 positioning a prosthesis assembly at a particular position  
3 on an internal wall of a lumen, said assembly comprising a  
4 graft associated with self expanding spring apparatus

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5 having a compressed state, said arrangement comprising an  
6 outer sheath having a longitudinal bore for surrounding the  
7 said assembly when the latter is at the said particular  
8 position, said [introducer] outer sheath containing said  
9 self expanding spring apparatus in said compressed state  
10 when said spring apparatus is positioned in said  
11 longitudinal bore of said [introducer] outer sheath, means  
12 for restraining axial movement of the prosthesis assembly  
13 during at least partial removal of the outer sheath, and  
14 means for disabling the restraining means after the outer  
15 sheath has been withdrawn from the self expanding spring  
16 apparatus and released said self expanding spring apparatus  
17 from said compressed state and the prosthesis assembly has  
18 self expanded to the said internal wall.

#### Remarks

In the Office action of September 1, 1994, Paper No. 21, claims 1, 2, 5, 9-11, 16, 17, 20, 24, and 26-40 are pending of which claims 1, 2, 9-11, 16, 17, and 20 are allowable and claims 24, 26-35, 37, 39 and 40 are rejected. In particular, claims 29 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter sought to be patented. Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Choudhury reference. Claims 24, 26-28, 31-35, 39 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by the Inoue (WO 91/12047) reference. Claim 37 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the Inoue reference in view of the Choudhury reference. Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the Choudhury reference in view of the Kreamer reference. Claims 36 and 38 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim,